Khan Sahib Ismail Haji Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the Government have made any claim on the shippers for this "sand bag sugar".

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I have answered that question..

Khan Sahib Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: What claim have you made on the shippers?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: There are no shippers in this case. It was sent by Parry & Co. It is from the Indian shore itself.

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പട്‌ലാൽ ഗോവർദ്ധനലാലൻ : ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിൽനിന്നു പഞ്ചസാര വില്പന തുടങ്ങുന്നതിനുമുമ്പു കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തു പഞ്ചസാര വില്പന നടത്തിയിരുന്നില്ലെ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പട്‌ലാൽ ഗോവർദ്ധനലാലൻ : അതുമിപ്പോഴും ഒന്നുതന്നെയാണോ, ആദ്യത്തേയും ഇപ്പോഴത്തേയും മറ്റപടി ഒന്നുതന്നെയാണെന്നാണോ ഞങ്ങൾ കണക്കാക്കേണ്ടതു"?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: That is what we think.

STRAW AND COCOANUT LEAVES—MAXIMUM PRICES FOR

18. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the price of straw and cocoanut leaves (മെടഞ്ഞ ഓല) as fixed by orders of Government;

(*b*) whether the said commodities are available for purchase anywhere in the State at the rates;

(*c*) if answer to (*b*) is in the negative what they propose to do to make the commodities available at the rates?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) (*i*) Straw: Rs. 50 for every 1,000 sheaves weighing not leas than 2,000 rauthals (Dutch lbs.).

(*ii*) Cocoanut palm leaves. Re. 0—10—0 for every 30 finished halves or 15 "madals".

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of answer to (*b*) no answer necessary.

മിസ്റ്റർ പോപ്പട്‌ലാൽ ഗോവർദ്ധനലാലൻ : ഓലയ്ക്കു ഫാ അണയും വൈക്കോലിനു ഈ ഉറപ്പികയും വിലനിശ്ചയിക്കുയതു നമ്മുടെ രാജ്യത്തിൽ ഓലയും വൈക്കോലും എത്ര മാത്രം ഉണ്ടെന്നും ആവശ്യം എത്ര ഉണ്ടെന്നും കണക്കെടുത്തിട്ടാണോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞാൽ കൊള്ളാമായിരുന്നു.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No such survey has been conducted. We have only an approximate idea.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: Have the Government got an idea of the production?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We have got a rough idea only; no actual survey has been conducted.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: Have the Government any idea of the cost of production of these cadjan leaves and transporting charges to the different distributing centres?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes, the cost of production and the cost of transport have been taken into consideration and it was thought that the rates fixed are fair.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: The rate is fiexd at 10 as. for all places in Cochin State? How can that be so? The cost of transport to different places vary.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: After all there is not much difference in the prevailing rates and the maximum rates possible were fixed so that it may be possible for people to transport them from the surplus areas to the deficit areas.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: From where are cadjan palm leaves obtained at Trichur? From where are they got down?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: From the coastal areas, on the western side, that is to say, from Triprayar, Anthikad and other places.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South)*: What will be the cost of transport?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I do not know the exact cost of transport, but all factors were taken into consideration and it was found that it will be a fair rate.

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Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)* :. Are the Government satisfied that all consumers are able to get both the commodites.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : They can get them.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)* : Have the Government received any complaints from the Advisory Committee or any recommendation of the Advisory Committee regarding the price and inadequate supply of these articles?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I want notice.

Mr. A.B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Will the Government say where one could get 30 cadjan leaves at 10 as. in Ernakulam and in Mattancheri.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It is available here. In the coastal areas these madals are available in plenty. We ourselves have arranged such things.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: We could not get it at that price. Therefore I am asking the qnestion where we could get cadjan leaves, 30 finished leaves at 10 annas, either in Ernakulam or at Mattancheri at which place.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In Cochin taluk it is available.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Oh, in Cochin taluk. I am only asking about the towns of Ernakulam and Mattancheri. If you have got the information, give it, and if not say you have no information. We are not getting it, Sir, at this rate.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: Do the Government know who are the consumers of cadjan leaves? Which class generally?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: I w nt notice.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)* : Is it not the poorest that require more cadjan leaves for thatching their houses?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : I cannot say exactly.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Have you got a list of merchants selling this commodity? Will you publish a list so that we may know from which part of the town we could get this. I would like to get an answer, Sir.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member will not get an answer by simply repeating his question

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : We have to enquire I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are the Government sure that these commodities are available at this price fixed?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In some parts it is available.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are the Government aware that these commodities are sold at very much higher rates than controlled rates?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : No we will enquire.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Has there been any case detected and charged for selling these articles at a higher price ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: A case has been reported and is pending enquiry.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)* : How many such cases are there ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Have you enquired in the market at Ernakulam as to what is the price ? Have you made any enquiries at any time ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We made enquiries not only here, but throughout the State, as to the prevailing rates and a fair rate was fixed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: I am only asking the question whether at any time you enquired at the market place here as to the price at which this commodity is sold, that is, whether it is sold at as. 10 for 30 leaves.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : This has already been answered. I said, we enquired the cost not only here, but in various taluks throughout the State.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Is there any notification banning the importation of cadjan leaves into the State for thatching purposes ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)* : Not that I am aware of.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: Will the Government enquire whether we will be able to get a supply from outside at this rate ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: My information is that at British Cochin, the price is even less.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the Government

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made any enquiry in this matter through the Municipality or through any dealers in British Cochin? From where did you get this information?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* We got the information through the officers there.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* Which officer, please?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I don't exactly remember that.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* Is it an officer of British Cochin?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, from British Cochin.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* So they told you that the price there is less than 10 as.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, we were told that the price is somewhere about Rs. 35 for 1000 leaves.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government get down some quantity and supply the people, just as they have been doing in the matter of food-grains?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Of course, if private persons require our help, we will try.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary Government):* Sir, with your permission, I may explain the position. First, I might just inform the House that it is the common experience of all Governments that the moment control is introduced, the goods go underground. That has been the experience of the Government of India, and of all Provincial Governments and all States who have introduced control on any commodity, and either the public should put up with the inconvenience or should come forward and declare before Government officers who all have hoarded the articles. The moment that information is given, action will be taken against him under the anti-hoarding ordinance. They should willingly do that or put up with the inconvenience. It has been the experience that whenever control is introduced, immediately the goods go underground and it is to check that that there is the anti-hoarding ordinance. Either the Hon'ble Members may declare where they suspect the thing has been hoarded, or they should just voluntarily or involuntarily put up with the inconvenience.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, there is yet another alternative of the paid servants of the Government finding out how and where these articles have gone to.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* That they will do and they are doing also. We have appointed a special staff also for that work.

Mr. President: May I add that the paid servants of the Government are doing what they can. But they are a small number of people compared with the general public and in a matter like this, without the help of the general public what they can effectively do is comparatively little.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* What can the public do in these matters? Prices have to be high. The price when it is produced is 10 as. and it has to be transported to a place 20 or 30 miles away. Wherever it is transported to, the same price is fixed. So how can anybody on earth get it at this price? How can anybody help the Government in this matter?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is not correct to say that the price at the place of production is the controlled price. As I already explained, we considered the cost of production and transport charges also and a fair rate has been fixed.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the written reply from British Cochin on the table of the House that the price is 10 as.?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I didn't say, there was any written reply.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* In view of the discussions that have taken place, will the Government be pleased to revise the price?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The matter will be considered.

NURSES—TRAINING FOR

19. Mrs. K. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any Nurses have been selected for training outside the State;

(*b*) where are they being sent for training;

(*c*) the particular purpose for which they are being trained;

(*d*) have Nurses been sent for similar traintng before to such places;

(*e*) if not, what are the special reasons for sending them this year;

(*f*) (*i*) the number of persons selected;

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